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1. Water-soluble and/or water-dispersible comb polymers consisting of a polymer main chain and polyester side-arms which contain sulphone groups and are linked to said polymer main chain via ester groups.

2. (Currently amended) Comb polymers according to Claim 1, characterized in that their polymeric main chain is chosen from the group of polymeric aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic polycarboxylic acids and derivatives salts or esters thereof, such as, for example, polyacrylic acid, polymethacrylic acid and esters thereof (esters of the two acids with aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic alcohols with C₆ to C₁₂) maleic acid, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid and polynorborneneic acid.

3. (Currently amended) Comb The comb polymers according to Claim 1, characterized in that they the polyester side arms are chosen from the group of polyesters of the following generic structural formulae

